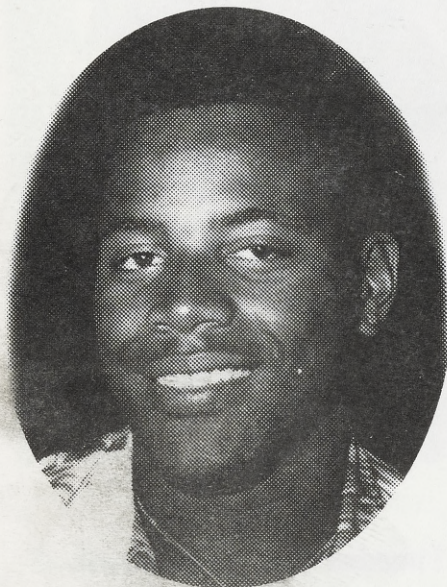


In Loving Memory  
of

Duane Edward Lee

April 11, 1958

Sunrise



August 27, 1998

Sunset

Lavon Banks, Jr.

June 8, 1958



August 27, 1998

Services Held  
Wednesday, September 2, 1998  
12:00 Noon

North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church  
1427 Filbert Street  
Richmond, California  
Rev C. W. Newsome, Pastor

Officiating:  
Pastor Bobby Whitney

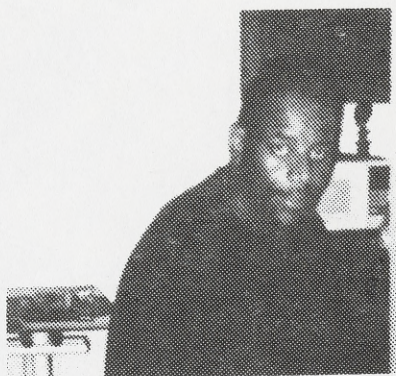
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PRECIOUS MEMORIES



**For My Loving Man  
TO BE FREE  
MR. DUANE LEE**

Why did you leave me? You did not even ask to go  
You said you loved me, and would always be with  
thee. But now you have left me to carry on our  
family tree. I will always love and be proud of thee.  
He would say to family, "BE ALL YOU CAN BE"

Rest in Peace...DUANE LEE....TO BE FREE



Dear Duane & June,

My youngest Brother and my oldest Nephew.

What will my life be without you? You were always there when I needed you. I will cherish all  
of the wonderful years we shared:

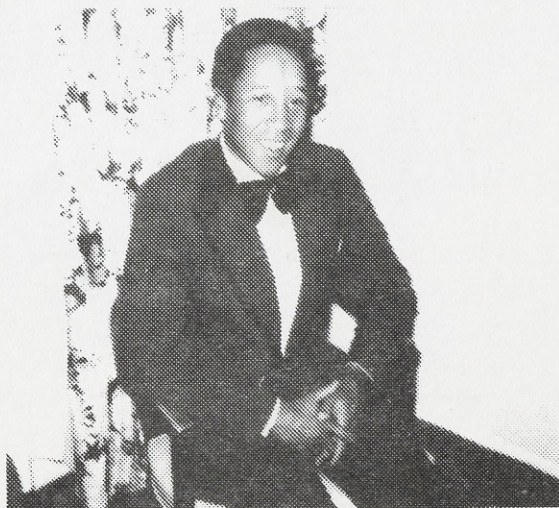
Especially this past summer. You guys taught me how to tie my own fishing lines, about lures,  
and how to "Hook'em" I will miss the laughter, the long talks about our lives and where we were  
and where we wanted to be. You know how much I loved you both and how much you mean  
to me and what an important piece of my life that you guys were. It was a joy to share and be  
apart of your world.

You were the best Brother and Nephew that anyone could have.

I must trust that all is well; even though my heart is paining. I miss and love you dearly.

Always,

Frankie





## A DAD'S CRY

Junior, I can see you in my mind and I can  
Feel you in my thoughts  
Of your last expression you experienced  
Before leaving this earth....  
The pain cuts deeply. I can also see your  
Explanation to any questions  
I would ask about your last experience  
You and Duane shared in  
The process of trying to save each other.

I am sure now that the right decision was made.

I have watched you grow from my first born  
Bouncing baby boy, to a fine young man and into Adult-  
hood, husband to Greta, and  
Father to Troylin and Amandria.

I am sure of the nucleus of a legacy that has  
Been set in their hearts and mind that will  
Sustain them and inspire us all throughout  
Generations.

MY SON, MY LOVE AND MY FRIEND

DAD, LAVON BANKS SR.

## A MESSAGE TO MY BROTHER

On behalf of the Banks' and Lee families; I would like to thank everyone for  
their heartfelt prayers and for being there when our need was most.

Banks, How do we begin to attempt to put into words so many feelings without  
your presence. We did it all as kids; we fought, told jokes-most of which we made up- you know  
what I mean. We traveled across country, did sports together, boating, camping and fishing. These  
are some of the things we did and will continue to do.

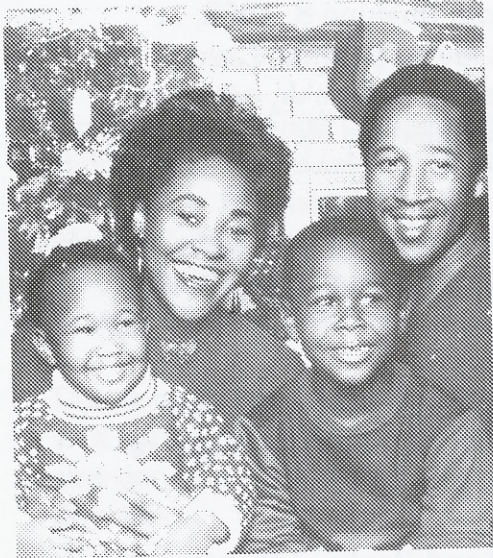
You had a lot titles: "Banks", "Mr. Bankedy", "Son", "Brother", "Uncle", "Nephew", "Husband" and "Dad"; all of which  
leaves a void that can not be replaced. We live with your strong love that you have blessed us with. Fond memories, and  
now tears---and joy shall come again soon.

We know that you are in the best of company; but I will miss you my brother. You were always there for me, ALWAYS.  
As you know, our focus is on the family; Mom, Dad, Greta, Troylin and Amandria. They are the ones who feel your  
absence more and need our greatest love and support. We know your love shines and will always protect them.

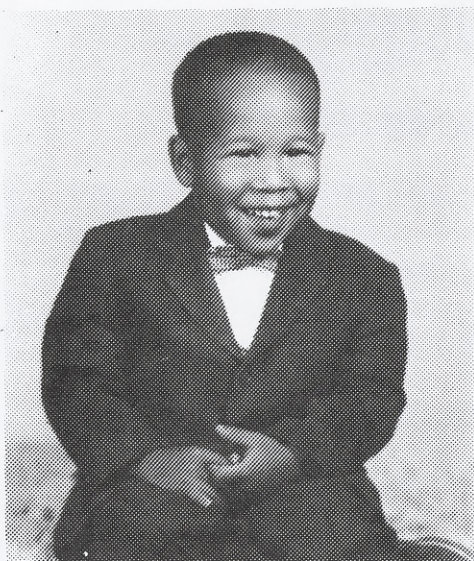
A mentor to me and a friend to all. Etched in my heart forever is what hangs on the wall at 4445 Fall. As for me in my home  
we shall serve the Lord. CAN I GET AN AMEN!!!!!!

THADDEUS BERNARD BANKS

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PRECIOUS MEMORIES







## OBITUARY

Lavon Banks Jr. was born on June 8, 1958, in Bakersfield, California to his loving parents, Lavon Banks Sr. and Ruthie Lee Banks. Lavon Jr. accepted Christ at an early age and modeled his life according to the teachings of the Bible.

Lavon was a graduate of Canyon High School in Castro Valley, California where he earned an engineering scholarship, which he used to attend the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

On December 19, 1981, Lavon was joined in holy matrimony to Greta Webber. Lavon worked for twenty years as a hod carrier with Local 166 of Oakland and recently became certified as a California Real Estate Appraiser.

Lavon Jr., who had several nicknames: June, Junior, LB and Banks. LB enjoyed life to its fullest. Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing and boating with his family, playing basketball, gardening, and performing masonry work.

Lavon Jr.'s life was reflective of his love and kindness, and he was called home to God on August 27, 1998. Those who will deeply mourn his passing are his wife, Greta L. Banks and children Troylin Lavon and Amandria Banks, all of Oakley, California. A stepdaughter, Kina Swift of West Point Mississippi, mother and stepfather, Ruthie Banks-Bible and Leslie Bible of Castro Valley, California; father and stepmother, Lavon Banks Sr. and Gloria Banks of Vallejo, California; two brothers, Darrel Banks of Castro Valley and Thaddeus Banks (Karen) of Vallejo, California, Grandparents Inez Threats of Lake Providence, Louisiana, Rev. William and Hazel Lee of Richmond, California, Mother-in-law Bulah Webber of West Point Mississippi, nine sisters-in-law; seven brothers in-law; a very special aunt Frankie Lee Fraser, a host of aunts, uncles, and other relatives and friends.

"Until we meet again.."







## OBITUARY

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain for the former things are passed away.*

*Revelations 21:4*

On April 11, 1958 in Delano, CA the sun rose for Duane Edward Lee. Duane was the 12th child of 13 children born to his proud parents Rev. W.S. and Hazel Lee. In 1959 his parents relocated to Richmond, Ca. He received his education in the R.U.S.D. and graduated from Harry Ells High School in Richmond, CA in 1975. During his high school years, Duane was very active in a variety of sports, favoring football. He continued his education at Contra Costa College in San Pablo and Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

Duane was very outgoing and fun loving, charismatic young man, with a charming "MILLION DOLLAR" smile. He would very frankly tell anyone that "I AM FOR REAL." He never met a stranger nor were he a stranger to anyone.

Duane accepted Christ at an early age under the leadership of the late Rev. J. H. Wilson and united with the Rock Of Ages Missionary Baptist church. Duane was employed as a laborer, with the Labors Union Local 324, for Parson Construction Company in Martinez, CA. where he worked most of his adult life.

During Duane's early adult years he became known as "Mr. Cowboy" sporting his cowboy attire, including pointed toe boots, collar tips, hat, belt, silver spurs, a 1956 step-side truck and all. His favorite pastimes were cooking, boating and fishing. Duane had a contagious sense of humor and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

While on a family outing at Bethel Island, Thursday, August 27, 1998 the sun set in the life of Duane Edward Lee. Two brothers preceded him in death, John Bell Lee and William Lee Jr. Duane leaves to cherish his memory, his companion and soul mate Theresia Box, 4 children Ekesha Denise Lee, Semetra Gazel Lee, Miss Alexis Duanna Lee, Mister Ahkeem Hazel Lee and grandson Emani Ta'Rik Britt. His loving and devoted parents Rev. William S. and Hazel Lee, 4 brothers Robert E. Lee (Cecilia), Roosevelt Lee Sr., Glen L. Lee Sr. and Theodore L. Lee (Marilyn). Seven sisters Ruthie Lee Banks-Bible (Leslie), Carrie Lee Peoples (Niles) Frankie Lee Fraser, Flora Lee Ellenberg (Eddie), Shirley Lee McKinlay, Oris Lee Russell (Howard) and Corliss Lee Robinson. Two sister in-laws Julia and Patricia, 16 nephews, 10 nieces, 1 great aunt, 9 aunts, 4 uncles, a very special friend G. D. and a host of other relatives and friends.

"I have room for one more friend, and he is Every man."

LAVON BANKS JR. and DUANE EDWARD LEE

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# Order of Service

Processional.....Family

## Scripture

Old Testament.....Rev. Otha Johnson

New Testament.....Rev. C. W. Newsome

Prayer.....Pastor Milton H. Williams

Selection....."Homegoing"

Words of Comfort.....Ministers

Rev. Charles Bennett, Pastor

Palma Ceia M. B. C.

Hayward, CA

Bible Family

Rev. Otha Johnson, Pastor

Rock of Ages M. B. C.

San Pablo, CA

Lee Family

Rev. Robert Lee Lucas

Banks Family

Rev. C. W. Newsome

Pastor, Host Church

"A Dad's Cry".....By Lavon Banks, Sr.

"A Brother's Message".....Chloe Bowie

Family.....Cornellis Taylor

Solo.....Denise Stevenson

Acknowledgements.....Flora Lee Ellenberg

Obituaries.....Robert E. Lee

Selection.....Deon Williams

Eulogy.....Pastor Bobby Whitney

Parting View.....Song by Charles Shepherd

## Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

Richmond, California



To our son and grandson:

Death did come like a thief in the night, taking our baby boy and our first born grandson. Just ain't right. But when the Lord calls you home, we must let you go. Our hearts are heavy, more than anyone can ever know.

It's so hard for us to say goodbye today. We pray it did not have to be this way.

Love Mom, Dad, Grand Ma and Grand Dad



### STEPPED TO THE OTHER SIDE

We have stepped to the other side to be with  
those who stepped before us.  
While we were lingering, we asked God to do what was best.  
It was his decision to let us rest.  
Do not cry for us today or tomorrow.  
We do not want any tears of sorrow,  
just tears of joy; for we are home with the Lord.  
Do not think of what should have or could have been.  
It just was not to be  
We have stepped to the other side to be with those who  
have stepped before us.  
We love you all and will miss you.  
God has given us new duties to do  
As we lay before you think of us not as being dead.  
We now live in Heaven in perfect harmony.  
We say to you all; today make your peace  
Only God knows when you will step to the other side to join us .



## Active and Honorary Pallbearers

John Bell Lee, Jr	Oliver Hodges IV	Antoine Hodges
Howard L. Russell II	Hodari S. Russell	William Lee Edwards
Roosevelt Lee, Jr.	Keith D. Roos	Theodore L. Lee, Jr.
Glen L. Lee, Jr.	Arestes Robinson, Jr.	Patrick Lee
Ron LaRae Russell	Ronnie Lynch	Darrell Banks
Thaddeus Banks	Lavon Banks, Sr.	Dennis Davis
Andre Davis	Darrell Davis	Robin Bell
David Smith	Pas. Robert Lee Davis	George Townsend
Gilbert Shephard		George Devers

"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN: A TIME TO BE BORN, AND A TIME TO DIE; A TIME TO PLANT, AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED".

ECCLESIASTICS 3:1-3

### In Appreciation

The Banks' and Lee Families would like to express our gratitude for your many kind deeds during the passing of our loved ones. If during this period of grief we have overlooked anyone; may we extend our sincere gratitude. Please keep us in your prayers.

May God Continue To Bless You

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